

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SAMMY HARRIS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOWARD SKOLNICK, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:10-cv-00365-RLH-PAL

ORDER

(Mtn for Free Copies - Dkt. #22)

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff's Motion to Receive Free Copy Work from the Courts (Dkt. #22) filed September 29, 2010. Plaintiff, who is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, requests that the court provide Plaintiff with a copy of the following documents: "Civil Complaint, Civil Injunction, and Temporary Restraining Order, and any and all motions, pleadings, orders, requests, and affidavits made by the Defendants." Plaintiff states that he was temporarily transferred to a different prison for medical reasons, and he lost these documents. Plaintiff asserts he is unable to pay to have these documents replaced.

The statute providing authority to proceed *in forma pauperis*, 28 U.S.C. § 1915, does not include the right to obtain court documents without payment. *See id.* Although the Ninth Circuit has not spoken on the issue, courts in other jurisdictions have not allowed plaintiffs proceeding *in forma pauperis* to receive free copies of documents from the court without the plaintiff demonstrating a specific showing of need. *See, e.g., Collins v. Goord*, 438 F.Supp. 2d 399 (S.D.N.Y. 2006); *Guinn v. Hoecker*, 43 F.3d 1483 (10th Cir. 1994) (no right to free copy of any document in record unless plaintiff demonstrates specific need); *In re Richard*, 914 F.2d 1526 (6th Cir. 1990) (28 U.S.C. § 1915 does not give litigant right to have documents copied at government expense); *Douglas v. Green*, 327 F.2d 661, 662 (6th Cir. 1964) (no free copy of court orders).

1 Plaintiff requests a copy of any and all motions, pleadings, orders, requests and affidavits made
2 by the Defendants in this case stating that, during the period when he was temporarily transferred to a
3 facility for medical reasons, he lost a copy of his civil complaint. Plaintiff has been receiving
4 documents filed with the court as is evidenced by his requests for extensions of time. The court will
5 direct the Clerk of the Court to send Plaintiff a copy of the docket sheet which identifies all pleadings
6 and papers on file, and a copy of docket numbers 3-7. Plaintiff's request for a copy of the entire file in
7 this matter is **DENIED** without prejudice. If Plaintiff has a specific need for additional documents, he
8 may file a renewed motion for the documents which states his specific need and provides a copy of
9 Plaintiff's inmate balance sheet to demonstrate he cannot afford to pay for the copies.

10 Accordingly,

11 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Free Copies (Dkt. #22) is **GRANTED in part** and
12 **DENIED in part**. The Clerk of Court shall provide Plaintiff with a copy of the docket sheet and
13 docket numbers 3-7.

14 Dated this 5th day of October, 2010.

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18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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